

**BENDIGO  
& DISTRICT FLY  
FISHERS INC.**

Inc. No. A00 043 73B



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## **Diary Dates:**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2014 Committee Meeting
- 5<sup>th</sup> July Fly Casting
- 8<sup>th</sup> July Annual Dinner
- 10<sup>th</sup> July Fly tying
- 12<sup>th</sup> July Fly Casting
- 17<sup>th</sup> July Fly Tying
- 19<sup>th</sup> July Fly Casting
- 24<sup>th</sup> July Fly Tying
- 26<sup>th</sup> July Fly Casting
- 27<sup>th</sup> July Outing Andersons & Newlyn
- 31<sup>st</sup> July AGM

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28<sup>th</sup> August Meeting – Gavin Hurley from Pro Angler will be with us – pie and pastie night – more in July newsletter

### **\*\*Please note change of Date**

#### **Annual General Meeting**

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Bendigo and District Fly Fishers Inc. is to be held at the clubrooms – Brennan Park Pool – on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2014 at 7.30 PM.

Nomination forms are available on request from committee members.

### **Annual Dinner**

Our 2014 annual dinner will be held at the Kangaroo Flat Sportsclub on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July  
6.30pm for 7pm start  
Numbers to Jeff Willey ASAP

### **July Sunday Outing**

July 27<sup>th</sup> venues are Andersons and Newlyn in preparation for the Wastell Trophy in October.

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**Bendigo & District Flyfishers Inc.**  
**Minutes of Committee Meeting Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2014**  
**At Brennan Park Clubrooms**

The President opened the meeting at 7:35pm.

**Present:** A. Jacobs, L. Crimeen, A. Chisholm, S. Charles, T. Charles, J. Willey, R. Booth, D. Keegan, J. Singe and R. Garlick.

**Apologies:** G. Hellsten and A. Choat.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed a true and accurate record.

**Moved:** R. Booth 2<sup>nd</sup>; T. Charles **Carried**

**Business Arising:** To be dealt with in general business.

**Treasurer's Report:** As the Treasurer's report is presented every three months there was no report tabled but the current bank statement was viewed.

**Correspondence:**

1. Various club newsletters;
2. Email from Ballarat Club re: Wastell Shield;
3. Bank statement; and
4. Various business junk mail.

**General Business:**

1. The issue regarding the annual subscription fees was discussed again, Tom Charles moved that the previous motion to increase the fees by \$5 be rescinded. This was seconded by Roger Booth. **Carried.**
2. The Come & Try Day scheduled for the 15<sup>th</sup> June was discussed and it was felt that this is the wrong time of the year to hold this event. It was moved by Tony Jacobs and seconded by Alan Chisholm that this day be deferred until September. **Carried.**
3. The issue regarding the Rise Film Festival was discussed and it was decided to ask Greg Hellsten to contact the organizers for more information e.g. time, date and what other fishing content he has.
4. With the draw down of Barkers Creek Reservoir, it is important to ensure that the stocking program is maintained after water levels reach an acceptable level. Liaise with John Douglas and Coliban Water.
5. The Wastell Shield will be conducted on the weekend of the 18/19 October. Registration will be at the Creswick Calemben Lake Caravan Park. Venues include; Cairn Curran, Tullaroop, Andersons, Newlyn, Dean and Wendouree.
6. As our financial year ends on the 30<sup>th</sup> June, our club needs to conduct the AGM after this date. Therefore, it was moved by Tom Charles and seconded by Steve Charles that all future AGM's be conducted in July. **Carried.**
7. **The AGM will be conducted on Thursday the 31<sup>st</sup> July.**
8. The committee discussed the issue of fishing reports. It is important for members to keep a diary on their fishing outings so as we can provide data to assist us with stocking. Members can file their reports by either the club's website or in written format to any of the committee members.
9. Roger Booth expressed an opinion that members should wear name tags when attending meetings so that new members will be able to identify other members more easily. Jeff Willey to action.
10. Roger also suggested that one of the Ballarat members attending the World Championship in Slovenia be asked to give a presentation to our members. Jeff Willey to action.

11. The club's Christmas Dinner will be held at the Kangaroo Flat Sports Club on Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup> November.
12. The club's calendar needs to be updated to reflect changes to the various events e.g. July, August and September outings be conducted at the Wastell Shield venues. outing Steve Charles to action.
13. Jeff Willey to investigate the availability of having club beanies i.e. ones with the club logo attached.

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 8:50PM.

Jeff Willey  
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## President's report

We are now approaching the end of the financial year which means upcoming elections. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support over the last 12 months. I encourage all members to play an active role in their club and with the upcoming elections for positions please consider a position or at least speak to either myself or another member of the committee and let us know what you would like to see us achieve, implement, consider not only in the short term but the long term as well.

Since the last newsletter I had been approached by the ABC radio for an interview on fly fishing in the Bendigo are. Firstly I hope I did the club proud with the interview and this is possibly another way we can get the message about fly fishing out to more people with a view of growing the club. If you did miss it I believe Steve has put links throughout the social media via the website, facebook and wherever else he could attach a link. Thanks Steve.

We are attempting a new way to record our data and get the message of fishing reports out to all members and also to enable us to gather evidence that we can relay back to fisheries with a view of obtaining better fish stockings. I ask that when members go fishing that they email a report back via the website email so as this information can be collated. After attending the latest CVFFC meeting, I believe that this may eventually be pushed through to fisheries to look at a uniform way of obtaining this information to further enhance stock releases thus improving the fishery.

I remind all members that our Annual Dinner is on the 8<sup>th</sup> of July 2014 at the Kangaroo Flat Sports Club at 6.30 pm. I encourage all members to attend and support the members who will be awarded the Club Championship and John Crane Memorial Fly tying winner. This is also where presentation of membership service awards are presented.

Reminder that Fly casting is on again on Saturday afternoons at Brennan Park swimming pool. This is the time if you need to polish up on your casting or have a few mates who want it ago. What better way than to bring them along and have a go under the casting eye of Roger, Les or Al. It's also a good opportunity to try out various other rods and set ups that other members have around the club to see what suits your style of casting.



Damian

June 14

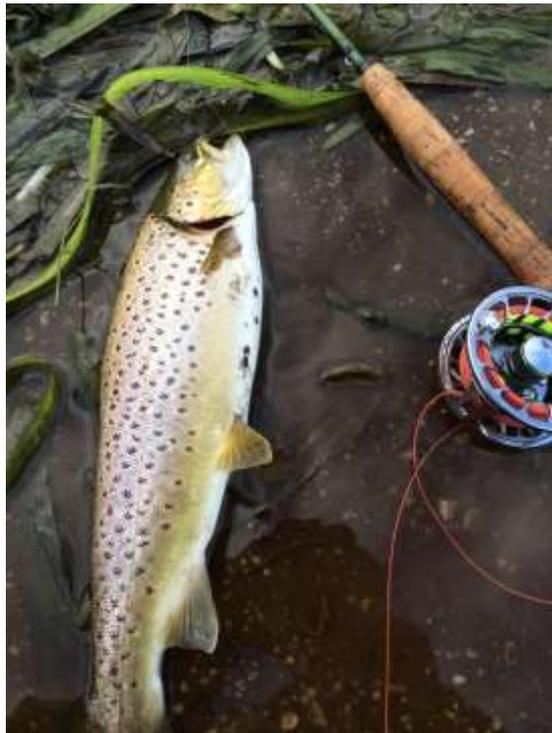
# Fishing Report

## Newlyn

Trout have been seen smelting at Newlyn Res in the last month but you have to be in the right place and at the right time! I spent the day there a few weeks back and chased a few smelters working along the edge of the weed beds in the SW corner but couldn't get any interest from them at all. Frustrated I went home and logged into the FlyStream Forums looking for advice and was able to get a few tips from Philip Weigall who had just walked in from fishing Newlyn himself, and landed a nice fat three pound brown!. Philip suggested using a very small and sparse pattern he called a Kiwi Damsel, which he fished alone or with a similarly small and sparse BMS on a dropper. He recommended using a floating line because much of the action he'd seen was just below the surface and next to or over the weed beds. He would cast to any disturbance and use a very slow figure of eight retrieve. Takes would often be subtle and he would see a swirl in the vicinity of his fly and / or see a slight lift of the fly line from the water (at the rod end) but didn't expect to feel a pull.

Smelting trout can be fixated on their prey and hard to attract with anything that doesn't look just right, plus they tend to move very fast as they chase smelt, so accuracy, speed and a bit of luck can be required to catch these fish. Philip reckons that catching a smelter is like catching three regular trout!

Armed with my new knowledge I headed back a week later to give it another go. After four to five hours of pretty much seeing nothing the wind finally dropped and right of me in the NE corner (where the submerged road meets the car park trout started marauding along the weed making big swirls in the water with many smelt becoming airborne in their efforts escape. It was exciting to watch! I got to business and trying to keep a steady began to cast to fast moving fish. It was one swirled within convenient range of my fly was that I was able to lift my fly the water and place it back down in one that I finally got a take! Philip was right, I swirl and the subtle lift of my fly line it hung down from my rod tip into the but felt nothing until I lifted and felt that throb at the other end of the line. A very satisfying catch!



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Damian and Greg fished Newlyn the day after in rainy conditions but unfortunately didn't see a repeat of the smelting activity

## Tullaroop

I spent four-five hours there a few weekends back and didn't see a single fish move! Tony and Al fished Tullaroop and got a couple of little ones and Tony had a revisit last Friday and picked up a couple of small reddies.

### **Barkers Creek Res**

Barkers is down to drought levels with the infrastructure works underway, but Tony managed to catch a brown of about a pound

### **Hepburn Lagoon**

Nothing but unsuccessful reports that I have heard

### **Lauriston Res**

I fished the Southern end of Lauriston on the 15th in promising conditions (heavily overcast and a SW wind) but only picked up a couple of small reddies. I didn't see any surface activity at all. I met a lure fisherman who had caught and released a couple of good browns (about 3lb he reckoned) using a soft plastic smelt pattern. He had been fishing deep and mentioned that the browns' stomachs were hard and lumpy, like they had been feeding on yabbies...

I fished Lauriston again on the 22nd with Tony Jacobs, this time at the North end. We didn't see much on the move but I picked up a very silvery little trout which I reckon was a rainbow due to the spots on the tail but Tony reckons it was a brown... Either way it was probably one of the recently stocked fish. I got him on about the second cast after changing to (again!) a Kiwi Damsel. Tony picked up a... rainbow on a shrimp pattern. It was a bigger trout but still had a long way to go, but regardless put up an admirable fight. I thought Tony was into something decent judging by the bend in his rod..! Let's hope he accounts for himself just as well the next time... and the trout as well for that matter!

Steve Charles

## **Bendigo & District Fly Fishers, we want your fishing reports!!**

Let us know each time you go fishing, where did you go, what time, how long, what was the weather like, did you see any fish, how were they behaving, did you catch any, see any insect activity? Even let us know if you didn't catch anything, and saw nothing - it's still valuable data on our waters, and how they're performing!

Just go to the club webpage, find the Contacts tab and click 'email' - dead simple!!  
OR just use the club email address: [BendigoDistrictFlyFishers@gmail.com](mailto:BendigoDistrictFlyFishers@gmail.com)



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## Victor H. Wastell Trophy 2014

**Dates-** 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> October 2014

**Venues-** Cairn Curran, Tullaroop, Andersons, Newlyn, Dean & Wendouree

**Accommodation-** Creswick Calembeen Lake Caravan Park  
12 Cushing Avenue, Creswick, 3363, Ph 53452411  
[creswickcaravanpark.com.au](http://creswickcaravanpark.com.au)

Note:- for a 10% discount on accommodation, please indicate, when booking that you're participating in the Ballarat Fly Fishing Club's competition

**Competitor Registration-** Creswick Calembeen Lake Caravan Park BFFC site

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## Notice of Event & Rules

### Victor H. Wastell Trophy 2014

**Event Coordinator:** Chris Doody Ph: 0428304004; Email: [chrisdoody@bigpond.com](mailto:chrisdoody@bigpond.com)

**Event date:** Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2014

**Venues:** Cairn Curran Reservoir- large lake, easy access to shorelines. Boating allowed  
Tullaroop Reservoir- medium lake, easy access to shorelines. No boating allowed  
Dean, Newlyn & Andersons Reservoirs- small lakes, easy access to shorelines. No boating allowed  
Lake Wendouree, large lake, easy access to shorelines, Boating allowed

**Travel Directions:** Creswick Calembreen Lake Caravan Park. 12 Cushing Avenue, Creswick

**Travel Requirements:** Suitable for vehicles with reasonable ground clearance. Mixture of both bitumen and made gravel roads to/around lakes

**Accommodation:** Onsite vans and camping sites (powered/unpowered) available at Creswick Calembreen Lake Caravan Park, 12 Cushing Avenue, Creswick. Ph 53452411 [creswickcaravanpark.com.au](http://creswickcaravanpark.com.au)

**Catering:** Dinner on Saturday evening (8pm) included in cost. Breakfast available on Saturday & Sunday (\$5 per day for egg & bacon brekky. Pay on registration) Self cater for all other meals.

**Cost:** \$25 per competitor: Non competitor Dinner cost: \$20 per person: \$5/day for breakfast on Sat and Sun

**Recommended items:** Strongly recommended personal equipment: waders/wading boots, gaiters if wet wading, brimmed hat, glasses/sunglasses, sunscreen, staff, PLB especially in Remote Locations. Essential equipment when fishing out of sight of other participants: UHF radio. Essential equipment for Remote Locations: Compression bandage, UHF radio, any necessary prescribed medicines.

**Weather:** Normally mild with normal spring variations in temperature.

**Competitor Registration:** Creswick Calembreen Lake Caravan Park, BFFC site (ask for directions at reception), from 6pm on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Oct

#### Competition Rules:

1. The competition shall be fished with **fly only**.
2. Trout shall be the only species of fish eligible to be weighed in.
3. The minimum size of the fish weighed in shall be **25 cm**.
4. All fish to be eligible for the trophy must have been caught during the competition hours and presented for weigh in, by the stated closing time on each day of the competition.
5. The Trophy shall be awarded to the club, whose member, has caught the **heaviest fish** during the hours of competition.
6. All fishermen participating, must sign on personally at the sign-on point, prior to commencing fishing.
7. Competitors must comply with all state fishing and boating regulations

**Hours of Competition:** Saturday: 10:00am- 8:00pm; Sunday: 12:00midnight- 12:00 noon

**Date of issue of Event Registration:** 8<sup>th</sup> May 2014